

THE BRIDGE

Official Newsletter for Rotarians of District 6330
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By the Glass...

For the last three weeks, my husband Dave has been on Ukerewe Island in Tanzania. This is the island that we talk about during my DG club visit with you. While there, Dave met with all the 9 well committees to discuss how the wells were working and the impact that they have had on the villages. The villagers where they met were very clever in locating one of these meetings - at a school that had this open pit as a drinking water source. This picture says it all. Not hard to guess where our next well is going to go!

Our Rotary Foundation supports our efforts in communities, local and in other countries. Our impact, across our seven areas of focus, is impressive. Clean water, access to education, preventing and treating disease, maternal and child health, promoting peace, supporting our environment and growing local economies. Seeing the impact of our efforts is so incredibly fulfilling.

Thank you. Thank you for your contributions. Thank you for your efforts in completing projects and a special thank you to the Rotarians who work alongside us in the Rotary Foundation to support what we are doing.



INTRODUCING

Your District Governor for 2026-2027

LORNA GUNNING FRATSCHKO

Rotary Club of London Hyde Park



Lorna is a “seasoned” and long term member of Rotary, having joined the Rotary Club of London South in 1996. Since 2020 Lorna resides at the Rotary Club of London-Hyde Park. She lives her life according to the 4 Way Test, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Lorna grew up on a dairy farm just outside of Tweed with her parents, two brothers and two sisters. As any farmer knows, it was a lot of hard work AND service. Lorna’s family was devoted to Community Service which she has carried on into her life as a Rotarian.

Lorna is a lifelong learner and absolutely appreciates the learning and training opportunities offered by Rotary. She is committed to the notion of having more club members serving on District committees so as to have access to District news, service/fellowship opportunities to bring to the attention of their clubs. Lorna is our District Membership Chair, and is grateful for RI President Elect Stephanie Urchick’s focus on membership. She believes that “every club member is on the membership committee!” Further, Stephanie is a fan of the classification principal that facilitates membership initiatives and pride in Rotary members for occupying a unique vocational position in one’s club. Lorna concurs and believes that Membership needs to be front of mind for clubs.

Lorna served as President for the Rotary Club of London South for the year 2017-2018, and is happy that the RCLS received their Club Citation for that year. She has served on numerous committees (all but Club Service!) during her Rotary tenure as well as many, many fundraisers. As Chair of the Community Services Committee at the Rotary Club of London-Hyde Park, their current focus is on food security in the NW London communities.

Lorna & her husband, Erich Fratschko, member of the Rotary Club of London-Hyde Park, recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Their family of 3 daughters, 1 grandson and Junior the British Bulldog Puppy means that there are very few dull moments in this family.

Lorna is a committed Rotarian who lives by the Rotary Motto of SERVICE ABOVE SELF. She considers the position of District Governor to be an honour and privilege... the next step in her Rotary Career and Lorna is looking forward to serving District 6330 in this capacity. Please join Lorna’s LinkedIn community at [linkedin.com/in/lornagunningfratschko](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lornagunningfratschko)

Lorna is looking forward to meeting and working with Rotarians from across District 6330.

Great Lakes Rotary PETS

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THE DATE!**

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March 14 to 16, 2024, in Kalamazoo, MI
REGISTRATION FOR GLRPETS opens
December 1, 2023
Early Registration December 1, 2023 to
January 31, 2024

The District Governor team is excited to announce plans for next year's president-elect learning as we join the Great Lakes Rotary President Elect Training Seminar (GLRPETS), a partnership of seven Rotary districts.

President-elect's will be inspired and educated in a very professional, inviting atmosphere. They will be given tools to be good leaders for their clubs, and have an opportunity to hear keynote speakers that are second to none.

Learn more about GLRPETS by watching [this video](#) or visit <https://www.glrpets.org/>



Basic
Education
& Literacy



Maternal &
Child
Health



Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution



Disease
Prevention
&
Treatment



Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene



Community &
Economic
Development



Support the
Environment

ROTARY MONTHLY THEME



Next Month: Disease Prevention and Treatment

TO VIEW THE ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF
THEMES AND EVENTS, CLICK
ON THE LINK BELOW.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar>

Rotary Foundation Month

As Rotary's one and only charity, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money and expertise into priorities that align with our seven areas of focus. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach problems such as disease, poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Since it was founded in 1917 by Arch Klumph, it has spent more than US\$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. TRF's mission is to enable Rotarians 'to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty'.

A major recipient of donations to TRF is the Annual Fund. When we donate, half our contributions are directed to the District Fund and the other half to the World Fund. Both help support and enable Rotary projects to become a reality through global and district grants.

The
Rotary
Foundation





Where's Sonja This Month?

November 16 th	Thursday	Rotary Club of Stratford
November 21 st	Tuesday	Rotary Club of Kincardine
November 28 th	Tuesday	Rotary Club of Clifford



Sonja recently had the privilege of inducting the newest member to the Sarnia Lambton After Hours Rotary Club, Dean Rickard

Please send your pictures and stories to:
bridge@rotary6330.org

Upcoming District Events

RC of Hanover
Poinsettia Sale
Nov 17

RC of Hanover
Santa Claus Parade
Dec 2

Grand Bend RC
Global Literacy 100
Containers Celebration
Dinner
Nov 29

Multi-District
Membership Summit
Troy MI
Dec 8-9

Be sure to add your upcoming club event on the district calendar so we can share it here.



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Increasing our membership is the top internal Rotary International Priority. To accomplish our goals as Rotarians, Club, District & Zone leaders need to be committed to growing Rotary & Rotaract. As the Membership Chair of District 6330, I am committed to help grow the membership numbers of this great District.

Each month we will learn about a new aspect of growing your club's membership...where to start? Let's start with what we know. We know that clubs which attract 3 new members each year will maintain their current size. Why not make this a goal for your club in Club Central? Not only will this help to keep membership 'front of mind' for your club – it will also assist in achieving your Club Citation! THANK YOU to the 23 of our 60 clubs who have entered their goals. Presidents: Please reach out to your AG's if you need assistance with this task.

Next, Rotary provides us with the Rotary Club Health Check...this also is a good beginning step to growing your membership. By using the Health Check, you are taking a step to maintain your club's health and preserve its value for members and the community. This process will help your club identify areas of strength as well as problem areas for which remedies are suggested. The Rotary Club Health Check is found at [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org).

I am available to present to your club around everything to do with Membership and help you establish a 'membership strategy' going forward. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Next month we will talk about our biggest opportunity for Membership Growth: Rotaract.

Yours in Rotary

Lorna Gunning Fratschko
Membership Chair, District 6330
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Getting to know... your Assistant Governors

Dawn Kennedy

Area 2

Rotary Club of Mildmay

Dawn joined the Rotary Club of Wiarton in 1993 and then transferred to the Rotary Club of Mildmay in 2003, where she has rotated through most club positions. Dawn is self employed as a certified financial planner and particularly enjoys estate planning and taxes. Dawn lives on a cow-calf beef farm with her husband Mark and she also volunteers with the local medical clinic foundation, homecoming committee and sits on a industry board.



Howard Shears

Area 4

**Rotary Club
of London**

Howard's involvement with Rotary began in 1994 when he joined the Rotary Club of Moncton. His career brought him across Canada, and he was a member of different clubs throughout this journey. He served on the boards of the Charlottetown Royalty and Kelowna Ogopogo Rotary Clubs and as President of the Rotary Club of Montreal (2015-2016) and the Rotary Club of London (2019-2020). He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Howard has been actively involved in the different communities in which he has lived. He is currently President of the VON Middlesex-Elgin and is a member of the Executive Committee for VON Canada's capital campaign, VON Connect. He mentors banking and accounting professionals recently arrived in Canada.

He retired from 40 years in banking in 2016 and moved back to London.

Howard and Mickey have been married 45 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. They spend their summers on the Mira River in Cape Breton.



2600 West Big Beaver Road

Troy, MI 48084

December 9, 2023 | 9 am to 5 pm

Membership Summit Registration \$25

**Multi-District Membership
Strategy & Collaboration Summit**

Club and District Leaders including
Membership Chairs will be engaged
using Strategic Doing principles.

Participants will leave with an
understanding of how RI's Action
Plan can inspire clubs to:

- Increase our Impact
- Expand our Reach
- Increase Participant Engagement
- Increase our Ability to Adapt



Stephanie Urchick
RI President Elect



Tom Gump
President Elect Aide



Chris Etienne
RI Director Elect



Drew Kessler
RI Director



Pre-Summit Dinner | December 8 | 6 to 9 pm | Tickets \$35
2600 Big Beaver Road | Troy, MI

Summit Dinner | December 9 | 6 pm to 9 pm | Tickets \$55
American Polish Cultural Center | 2975 E. Maple Road | Troy, MI 48083

Embassy Suites Troy—Friday and/or Saturday | \$149 per night

Event Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/322rxhfp>

Hotel Bookings: (Avail special rates) <https://tinyurl.com/83unuzpb>



In the District...

Wendell Thomson Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Rotarian Wendell Thomson received a plaque from Rotarian Cathryn Buckley recognizing Wendell's successful fundraising walk from Tobermory to Pike Bay which raised over \$30,000 for local health care at Lion's Head Hospital. The plaque features photographs from Wendell's Walk which took place earlier this fall in September. Congratulations Wendell on such a great fundraising effort for such an important cause!



Rotary Club of London South

Get into the festive spirit early!

Enjoy 25% off on five of our delightful pewter ornaments - Western University College, Grosvenor Lodge, Marienbad Restaurant, Novak's and Kingsmills. Order online now while supplies last

www.rotaryornaments.com

Embrace local love and add a touch of #LdnOnTree magic to your Christmas this year. 🎁☀️

Proceeds raised from ornament sales go directly to support local youth programs.





Procedure Manual

This is a call for the submission of proposed changes to the District Policies, Procedures, and Resolution document. The current version of this document can be found by following the link below.

[District 6330 Policy and Procedures](#)

Please submit proposed changes, or any questions regarding this process, to me by email – Mike.Hurry@rotary6330.com by November 23rd 2022.

The Strategic Planning Committee will consider proposed changes to District Policies, Procedures, and Resolutions later in February/March 2024. Changes approved by this committee will be presented to all clubs at the 2024 President-Elect Training (PETS) and voted on at the 2024 District Annual Business Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this document.

To all of our American members,

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*